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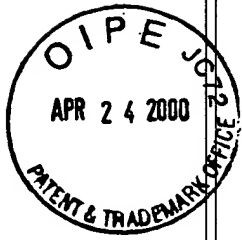
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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of all references, except U.S. Patent No. 5,882,192, can be found in Application No. 09/250,962, filed February 16, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. 18563-000510). It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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